

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A mask for use during deposition of a luminescent layer of an organic electroluminescent device, the mask comprising:

a plurality of holes aligned uniformly running parallel to each other along an axis of the mask, including at least one angled surface formed on at least one side of each of the plurality of holes; and

a plurality of bridges located between the plurality of holes, wherein each bridge includes angled surface portions formed on each inner side surface thereof, and wherein each of the holes has a shape and a size corresponding to a pixel region of the organic electroluminescent device, wherein each of the plurality of holes is configured to block an adjacent sub-pixel area during deposition of an organic electro-luminescent material during fabrication of an organic electroluminescent device, and wherein a thickness of the ~~mask in areas of the mask positioned between adjacent holes~~ bridges is less than a thickness of the mask in areas of the mask having no angled surface portions.

12-19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) The mask according to claim ~~1~~22, wherein shapes of the angled surfaces formed on opposing sides of the strip-type slots are symmetric.

21. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 20, wherein opposing sides of each of the strip-type slots are perpendicular to a side of a corresponding bridge of the plurality of bridges.

22. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 20, wherein each opposing side of the strip-type slot has an upper angled surface and a lower angled surface.

23. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 22, wherein a surface area of a first upper angled surface is substantially the same as a surface area of a second upper angled surface.

24. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 22, wherein a surface area of first and second upper angled surfaces is different from a surface area of first and second lower angled surfaces.

25. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 22, wherein a width and a height of a first upper angled surface are same as a width and a height of a second upper angled surface.

26. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 22, wherein a width and a height of first and second upper angled surfaces are different from a width and a height of first and second lower angled surfaces.

27-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A mask for use during deposition of a luminescent layer of an organic electroluminescent device, the mask comprising:

a plurality of strip-type slots aligned uniformly running parallel to each other along an axis; and

at least one angled surface formed on at least one inner side surface of each of the plurality of strip-type slots, wherein an alignment of a first of the plurality of strip-type slots is different from an alignment of a second of the plurality of strip-type slots, wherein the plurality of strip-type slots are arranged so as to block adjacent deposition areas during deposition of material during fabrication of an organic electroluminescent device, ~~and wherein a thickness of the mask in areas of the mask positioned between adjacent slots is less than a thickness of the mask in areas of the mask having no angled surface portions.~~

30. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 29, wherein the axis is an x-axis.

31. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 29, wherein the axis is a y-axis.

32. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 29, wherein the first strip-type slots is adjacent to the second strip-type slots.

33. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 29, wherein the alignment of the strip-type slots is same for alternating strip-slots.

34. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 29, wherein shapes of the strip-type slots can be rectangular, oval, polygonal, or circular.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 11, further comprising a plurality of bridges provided between adjacent holes of the plurality of holes, wherein each bridge includes angled surface portions formed on each inner side surface thereof.

37. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 11, wherein the plurality of holes are circular, polygonal, oval, or rectangular.

38. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 11, wherein the areas of the mask positioned between adjacent holes comprise bridges extending between the adjacent holes.

39. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 38, wherein each hole has an angled surface formed along its full inner perimeter surface.

40. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 29, wherein the areas of the mask positioned between adjacent slots comprise bridges extending between the adjacent holes.

41. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 40, wherein each slot has an angled surface formed along its full inner perimeter surface.